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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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AVAILABILITY OF NCERT BOOKS FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the NCERT has failed to provide new text books to the school students till now though the Hon. Supreme Court has given a final verdict in this matter;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the recommendations given by the Expenditure Reforms Commission on text book publication;

(d) the Government's response thereto;

(e) whether the Union Government have decided to set up separate unit for publication of text book within the National Council of Educational Research and Training;

(f) if so, the objectives thereof; irector(Computers)

(g) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(h) whether the Government propose to introduce the new course from the next academic session in view of the very short period remaining for the closure of this present session; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to
(i) NCERT has brought out and released text books based on new syllabi for all subjects for classes I, III,VI, IX & XI for the current academic session, 2002-03. It is for the Boards of School Education and State Governments to decide about the introduction of the new syllabi and textbooks.

The Expenditure Reform Commission, inter-alia, recommended that "NCERT should continue to produce the Text Books but it should evolve a system of giving the manuscripts for publication to private publishers and State Text Book Agencies on royalty or Fees to be determined on the basis of size of publication`. As informed by NCERT, its Executive Committee suggested that a separate internal committee should be set up to advice on the policies of production and marketing of books of NCERT.